

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, Sarah Drickey, Adam Fuller, and Josh White

Others present: Jay Feyler, Jim Justice, Keith Hilt, Erik Amundsen, Catherine Meyer, Holly Lombardi, Bill Lombardi, and Karen Poulin

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Open Public Hearing on Article 4, Solar Panels:** 6:33 p.m.

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Discussion: A resident asked about the interest rate for the solar panel loan. Jay stated the rate will not be locked in until the voters approve. Jim Justice asked where the panels will go. Jay stated under the current proposal Public Works garage. Eric Amundsen asked if the panels will cover the electricity for the streetlights. Jay confirmed that they will. There was a question as to which direction the panes will face. Jay clarified that the study states the panels will face southeast.

- 4. Close public hearing on Solar Panels:** 6:43 p.m.

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Josh White

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- 5. Open Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance Changes:** 6:43 p.m.

Motion by: Josh White

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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Discussion: Jay explained that the changes are put out by Department of Health and Human Services. They require a public hearing.

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6. Close Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance Changes: 6:45 p.m.

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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7. Public Comment (regular Board meeting): 6:45 p.m.

Jim Justice believes because of the aging community in Union, he feels that an electric sign in front of the town office would be a helpful addition. He thinks the Board and the residents should give it more consideration. Greg suggested that Jim attend the budget meetings to support his cause. Bill Lombardi wonders if an electric sign is cost effective for a small town such as Union, but also feels that justifying the cost and educating the residents may be the route to take in this matter. Also, improving the town's website to inform the public on such matters would be helpful. Jay stated that the research has been done but he will follow up to see if the signs do draw more attention to the facilities that have them, and he is doing more research on current pricing. He will once again present new quotes to the Board and the Budget Committee.

Keith Hilt is curious about the hold up with the town garage. Jay stated that the structural engineer took an extremely long time to make his determination.

8. Approve minutes of Tuesday, September 17, 2019:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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9. Vote to approve the General Assistance Ordinance Changes:

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Josh White

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10. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, October 1, 2019:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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11. Sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant:

Motion by: Josh White

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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12. Discussion and approval of the municipal motor vehicle fees:

Jay stated that the BMV fees went up and are state mandated.

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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13. Discussion and approval to update Administrative Fee Schedule:

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Josh White

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14. Sign Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance Certification:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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15. Approve 17K from the Public Works Reserve Account:

Jay stated there is a 2004 Sterling truck for sale with 84,000 miles from the town of Freeport. He was contacted saying it is still available for the same price as last spring. The truck and the chassis are in excellent shape, and it would be smart to purchase now. It also comes with plow and side dump sander.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to approve 17K from the PW account.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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16. Continued Discussion and vote on Browns Lane Property:

Jay explained that there is still an issue with the deed. He believes we can eventually acquire a clear title without the expense of additional legal fees.

Discussion: Sarah would like to sell the lot. Josh would rather see John present to vote with the rest of the Board. Greg read a statement from John Shepard. John feels that there is too much liability having a park and that taxpayers would bear the expense of upkeep. He indicated that selling the parcel would be best so that the property can remain a taxed lot. Adam feels that there would not be an issue selling the lot, although he would like to table the matter to give the residents a say. Greg would like to see the money recovered from the teardown and the back taxes and put it out for real estate where the town will be able to recover most of the money.

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Motion by: Adam to table until the next meeting

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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17. Town Manager's Report:

Jay attended a brief streetlight meeting. All the towns agreed to go with the cobra head lights. We will follow Rockland and Camden's lead, staying with the same contractor.

State evaluation reports are out; there has been an increase because of school and county assessments.

Jay met with Knox County. Mid-Coast Regional Planning is done and has no further plans. He feels it is wise to join Mid-Coast Economic Development Corporation. The Board will see the dues in the budget and recommends supporting the county budget.

Jay will be attending the MMA Convention in Bangor this week.

18. Other Business:

Jay stated that only two bids came in for the Clarry Hill culvert. The bids were overpriced, and he suggests that the Board reject the bids and wait until spring.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to reject the culvert bids.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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19. Selectmen's Report:

20. Future Agenda Items:

21. Adjourn:

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary